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# MARCONI'S DOUBLE TRIUMPH



● Tony Henderson

SUNDAY, September 4 is destined to become a red letter day in future Marconi club calendars, indeed in Australian soccer folklore, as Marconi defied all the odds to soar from fourth spot to snatch a dramatic Grand Final victory from Sydney Croatia.

Its youth team had shown the way by downing southern champion Sunshine George Cross in the early game of the double-header played before a near-capacity 17,064 crowd at the Parramatta Stadium.

The drama of the best Grand Final the league has seen to date unfolded like something out of a Hollywood script, with Marconi captain Tony Henderson playing a Roy of the Rovers part to perfection.

Henderson, playing his last NSL game, eclipsed recently retired Bugsy Nyskohus' NSL appearance record of 294 games and, in a fitting climax, smashed the winning penalty past Sydney Croatia goalkeeper Tony Franken in the sudden-death shoot-out.

Thirty-four year old Henderson joined Marconi from Canberra City in January, 1979 and made his league debut the following March.

In the next five years he represented Australia 51 times.  
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## STATE LEAGUE RESULTS AT A GLANCE

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IT must come as a shock to followers of the aerial ping-pong to read that the most popular event at the Olympic Games is soccer.

Advance ticket sales for soccer for the Seoul Olympics have far outstripped those for all other

events, just as they did in Montreal and Los Angeles.

But soccer appears to be no-no as far as the local Olympic Committee is

concerned, at least that is the impression Oscar Crino's brother Carlos received from a fruitless conversation he had with an official there recently.

Carlos and Oscar run a couple of pizza parlours, and fired with patriotic zeal, Carlos rang the committee to see if he could get some posters for the shops' walls.

He asked for posters of soccer or any other sport, but this worthy told him "we don't have any posters to give you, and anyway, we aren't too keen on soccer here... it's done nothing for us."

So there you have it... but I'll tell you what... if the Socceroos win a medal... any medal, you can be sure that the same official would be one of the first to jump on the bandwagon.

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**WHEN is the VSF Board of Management going to stop procrastinating and make a decision about the Dockerty Cup?**

Three weeks ago, the Melbourne clubs had a meeting to try to decide whether to take part in the Dockerty Cup or not.

After some discussion, they decided to ask the

Federation to hold the Cup quarts, semis and final, not in October, but in late November because that is when their players will start training again.

The sheer effrontery of expecting the State League clubs to wait four weeks after their season is over just to accommodate five clubs is breathtaking.

But what is equally breathtaking and sad is that nobody has the guts to stand up and tell the NSL clubs, or their self-appointed spokesmen where to go.

The NSL clubs should remember that they are first of all Victorian clubs who owe their allegiance to this State.

The had ample time, when the VSF drew up its calendar for the year, to voice their objections months ago.

Having accepted the calendar, it is incumbent upon them to honour their obligations.

Can you imagine the furore if say, Liverpool suddenly informed the English FA that it wasn't convenient for it to play Manchester United in the FA Cup Sixth Round and it expected to be allowed to keep all the other clubs waiting for a month.

That sounds ridiculous.

doesn't it, but that is precisely what is happening here.

But don't blame the NSL clubs, blame the pusillanimous Board, which becomes more tame cat with every year that passes.

The VSF is fond of describing the Dockerty Cup as "our most prestigious competition"... what I want to know is, when are they going to treat it with the respect it deserves, instead of merely paying it lip-service?

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**JIM Tansey successfully his first game as coach of Heidelberg and as we go to press, he still has the job.**

But it was noticeable that after the game the soccer writer of the "Sun" went for a comment about the game, not to Jim Tansey, but to Jim Kriaris.

Maybe he got his Jims mixed up or maybe he was shrewd enough to know where the power lies.

What baffles me though, is that likeable Berger prez and prolific fax-firer Lew Yoannidis seems blithely unaware that everyone is laughing at his club behind his back.

Everywhere I went at the weekend people were

unanimous in condemning the club for dumping Terry Hennessy with only four rounds left to go.

"How stupid can they be?" seemed to be the general consensus of opinion. Stand by for another indignant fax.

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**I had a call today from a very upset Doncaster Rovers official to tell me that several of his players had received quite severe burns during the match against Doveton because apparently the home club had used lime to mark the lines.**

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## Croatia undecided over NSL challenge

ALAN CRISP  
OF THE ADELAIDE ADVERTISER

**ADELAIDE Croatia is yet to make a definite decision on whether it will challenge for a place in the West End National Soccer League next year.**

Croatia's soccer club management and the Croatia Social Club representatives met this week when they agreed to delay making a firm decision on a probable challenge until Tuesday.

As SA's new Rothmans League Champion, Croatia has won the right to play-off against the champion clubs from Victoria and Queensland for the 1989 NSL vacancy.

Croatia has until September 9 to notify the SA Soccer Federation of its intentions.

NSW State League champion Blacktown gained automatic promotion to the NSL last week.

"We have the backing of our social club but we have to realise that it would cost \$1m to put a team in the NSL next year and to upgrade Hanson Reserve as we planned," Croatia chairman Steve Lopic said yesterday.

**MITCHELL...the \$2US Million Man... Ollerenshaw hospitalized.**

Socceroo striker Scott Ollerenshaw threw the Socceroo camp into a mild state of panic this week when he was rushed to hospital with appendicitis.

He was operated on immediately and a spokesman for the Concord Hospital described the operation as a "brilliant success".

Unless some complication sets in, it is expected that the dashing redhead will be off to Seoul with the rest of the party.

Meanwhile Dave Mitchell's Dutch club Feyenoord has insured him for \$2US million for the duration of his stay in Seoul.

The ASF though, has no plans for increasing its cover on Mitchell, as far as it is concerned he is just another member of the squad.

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# SNIPPETS

By LES SHORROCK

## IT'S 500 UP FOR CLAYTON'S RON RYAN

**Letter to the Editor From Clayton S.C.**

An important milestone will be reached on Saturday 10th September at Carlson Avenue Reserve when popular player of Clayton Soccer Club Ron Ryan, runs on to the pitch for his 500th appearance with the club.

Ron started with Clayton in 1968 and during this time has won many club awards including best and fairest and runner-up on many occasions.

Having played most of his 500 games in

the first team, in recent years he has played in the reserves where he has been an outstanding example to the younger players, passing on to them much of his experience and dedication to the game.

The Committee players and supporters wish to congratulate Ron for 20 years loyal service to the club. A feat not often achieved in sport today.

Your's in Sport, Mike Warren For Clayton Soccer Club.

## TANSEY TAKES BIT BETWEEN THE TEETH

### Bergers' new coach takes job after much soul searching

By BOB BRIAN of the Melbourne Herald



**JIM Tansey makes no effort to deny feeling nervous before taking charge as coach of Heidelberg United. It would be out of character if he did.**

Tansey is one of those forthright Liverpudlians who see no real advantage in putting on an act. He has always been that way and it made him very popular with teammates and opponents in a long and illustrious career at club and international level.

He admits that taking over from Terry Hennessy, a man he has the highest respect for, was not done without a great deal of soul-searching.

"In the end I accepted the job because someone was going to do it and as well as me," he said in a matter-of-fact way.

**"In all it has been a pretty traumatic week. I wasn't sure how I would be accepted under the circumstances. I mean, Terry had done a great job and was — and still is — very popular with the players."**

Tansey has told the players not to even think in terms of winning championships although there are only three rounds to go and Heidelberg, with a game in hand, is still favorite.

"I want to take each game as it comes and to pay no attention to those comments about some of them being easy," he said.

"There is no such thing as an easy game in this competition. Almost every club is fighting for something, the championship, the top four or to avoid relegation.

"It is still too early to take anything for granted and the best way to slip up is to think too far ahead. Each team must be considered on its merits and treated with respect."

Tansey, as a member of the Heidelberg team which was prominent in the early years of the National League, knows what he is talking about.

He was also a Socceroo when, against the odds, New Zealand prevented Australia going to the World Cup finals in Spain in 1982.

"I am trying to convince the players that patience is what we need, especially in each game," he said.

"Last Sunday, for example, we left it late, but eventually we beat Western Suburbs 2-0. If we can keep it tight at the back the goals will come as there are some pretty good players at Heidelberg, players who are capable of creating scoring chances and taking them."

Tansey admitted that he was a much relieved man when these two goals went in. And the fact that they were scored by his two substitutes could have been better for his own morale.

**"It's nice to get off to a winning start"**

"Yes, I really felt good when that happened. It was very encouraging, especially considering it was my first game," he said.

"It has been a tough week, what with kitting out athletes for the Olympics and taking on the new job. And, of course, training."

Tansey works for the promotions department at adidas and still plays for Sandringham in the second division of the Victorian League.

"I think playing is going to be very important as well as enjoyable," he said. "It's a good way to let off steam. I can forget any problems I have, at least for 90 minutes."



● Jim Tansey ... happy after his first win.

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● Terry Hennessy





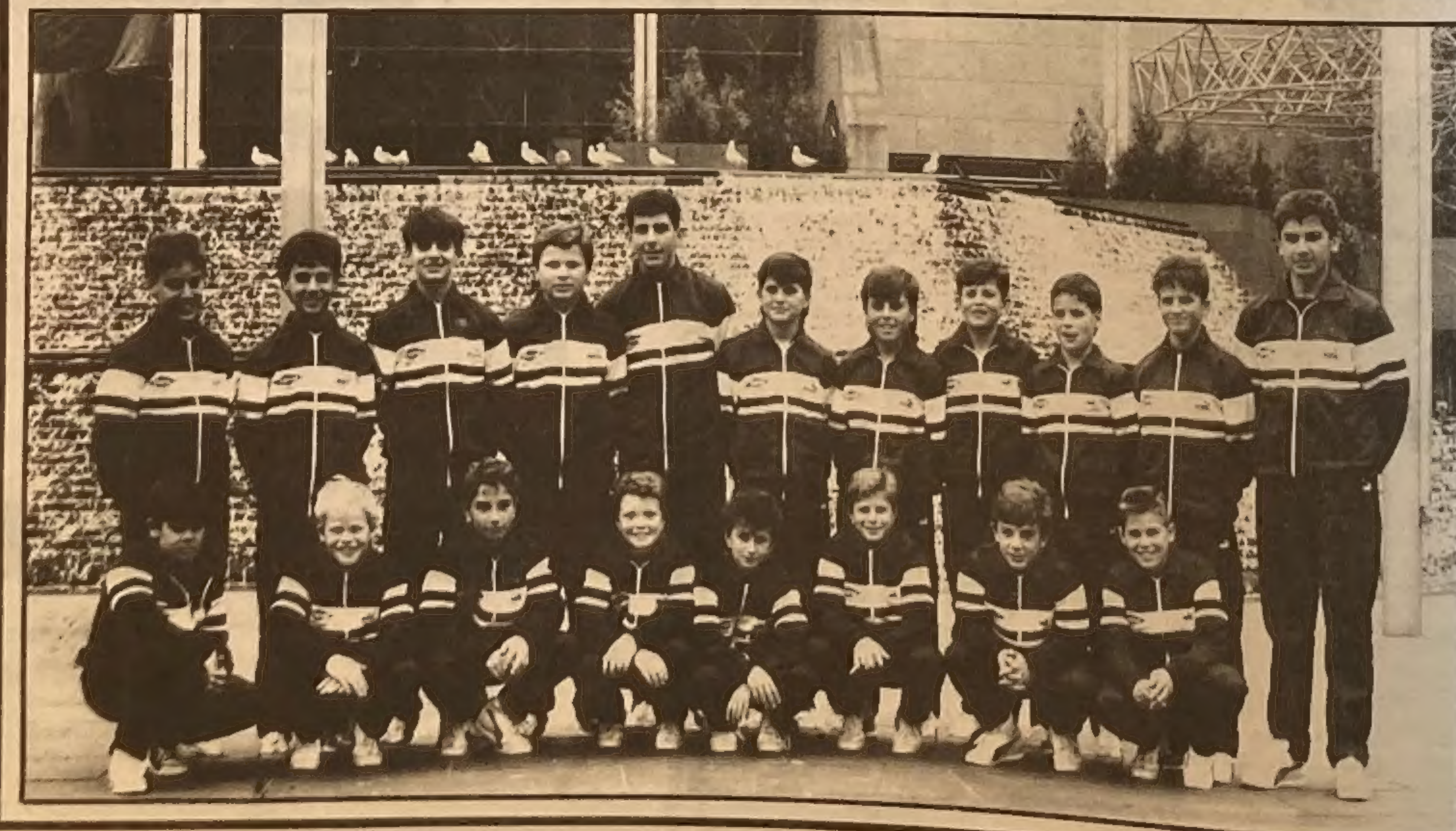
● ABOVE:  
Bugsy Nyskohus & Paul Wade contest a high ball.



● ABOVE RIGHT:  
Here's mud in your eye, says Preston's George Slikas to Lion's Russell Stewart.



● CENTRE RIGHT:  
Morwell Falcons Johnny O'Callaghan.



● The Victorian Under-12 select team that represented the city of Melbourne in Japan. Wishes to thank most sincerely its major sponsor, Dow Chemical (Australia) Limited. The boys did Melbourne proud by finishing third in the International Tournament behind Japan and Korea, beating teams representing Belgium, China, USA, Brazil & Singapore.

## GRAND FINAL REPORT

**MARCONI 2**  
(Calderan 39th,  
Nastevski 116th  
pen.)  
**SYDNEY CROATIA**  
2 (Hunter 57th,  
Lamond 104th)  
Marconi won 5-1 on  
penalties.

# MARCONI GRABS TITLE, HENDERSON THE HERO

**MARCONI veteran and former Soccerroo Tony Henderson completed a rare winning double when his successful penalty brought the club its second national premiership in a decade.**

Marconi and Sydney Croatia had been locked 2-2 at the end of extra time in the grand final at Parramatta Stadium in which two players were sent off but Marconi proved stronger under pressure to win 5-4 in the penalty shoot-out.

It was the fourth match of the finals series to go into extra time. Henderson joined Marconi when the club won the NSL title in 1979 and Sunday's game was his 295th league match and his farewell appearance on the national scene.

Graham Arnold, Graham Jennings, Mark Jones and Alan Hunter scored for Croatia in the penalty kicks while Ian Gray, Frank Farina, Peter Katholos and Zlatko Nastevski converted for Marconi.

But Robbie Slater (Sydney Croatia) and

**MAN OF THE MATCH:**  
● ● ●  
**TONY HENDERSON**

Robbie Slater (Marconi) had their attempts blocked with the teams on 4-4 at the end of the first five kicks.

Croatia's Shane Clinch then slammed his shot against the left upright and Henderson stepped forward for Marconi to plant the championship winner in the back of the net.

"I couldn't believe what was happening and I didn't want to take that kick," an emotional Henderson said.

"When I walked up to the spot, I decided to hit it hard.

"Next season I'm looking for a State League

place. But what a way to finish — coming into the NSL on a win and going out on a win."

The match maintained a hectic pace throughout both halves despite a disgraceful ground which had sand patches and bumpy areas making skilled football difficult.

Players had trouble keeping their feet as well as coping with the unexpected bounce of the ball.

Marconi, fielding the skill of Gray and Katholos in midfield, tried to take the game into attack but found it difficult to counter the strong physical defence of Croatia.

It was not World Cup final standard but both teams were evenly matched, giving little away and closing down quickly when players managed to break free.

Croatian defender Jones was given the task of keeping Marconi and Soccerroo striker Farina quiet while Marconi's

Paul Carter had the same role on Robbie Slater.

Marconi strikers David Lowe and Farina pestered the Croatian backline but skipper Vedran Rozic kept his defence well marshalled.

Farina needed only a small opening to display his talents and in the 39th minute took on the defence along the left, squeezed into the penalty area and his pass was deflected by Gerry Gomez to Steve Calderan near the far post for the opening goal.

But in the 57th minute, the match was level when Croatia striker Manis Lamond angled a pass across the face of goal and defender Alan Hunter crashed his volley into the net.

The game erupted six minutes later when World Cup referee Chris Bamberidge dismissed Croatia midfielder Ivan Petkovic after a leg-high tackle to be followed within three minutes by Gomez for kicking.



● Bertie Mariani... from successful player to successful coach in one season — "I never thought we'd lose."

## SAVOR SEOUL BID FAILS GARY VAN EGMOND GAINS HIS SPOT

**A valiant last-minute attempt by Soccerroo defender Wally Savor to prove his fitness for the Olympic Games failed in the grand final.**

Savor, who had spent a week at the Australian Institute of Sport medical centre in Canberra for treatment to his injured right knee, played his usual right-back role for Sydney Croatia.

The match was played on a bumpy and sand-patch Parramatta Stadium which tested the skills and fitness of both teams.

But Savor was forced to ask to be replaced at the end of the normal 90 minutes when he felt a twinge in his knee.

"The knee was fine until

until the last ten minutes when I collided with Marconi's David Lowe," he said.

"I'd felt fantastic to that stage and believe if the fitness test had been a week later I would have passed."

Savor was ruled unfit last Thursday by a panel of three doctors and has been replaced in the Olympic Games squad by Gary van Egmond.

Other Soccerroo members Graham Arnold, Robbie Slater, Graham Jennings, Alan Hunter and Frank Farina came through the grand final unscathed apart from bruises and abrasions.

National coach Frank Arok, who watched the match, was relieved after the game when a quick check revealed the absence of injury among his players.

The Soccerroos had

drawn 2-2 in a trial match on Saturday night against Sydney Olympic and have games arranged against St George and Sydney Croatia to complete their training before departing for Seoul.

Savor accepted the loss of his place in the team and is planning to spend time on the beach during the summer break.

"It's been a long season and as there are not any further club or national team commitments I want to give the knee plenty of time to recover," he said.

"All in the one day I've managed to lose my chance for the Olympic Games and lost the NSL premiership final. What a double knock out to end the season."

In the first period of extra time, Lamond rose high to head home a cross from Slater to put Croatia in the lead but with four

minutes remaining, Jones, who had screened Farina superbly, brought the striker down and Nastevski converted the subsequent penalty to take the match into the shoot-out.

"I never thought we'd lose even when we were trailing with four minutes to go," said Marconi coach Bertie Mariani, a championship winner in his first season.

"It was most rewarding to win the title but it was also as dramatic for Croatia to lose because both teams played well."

A disconsolate Rozic could still raise a smile after the game.

"It's a lottery when it comes to penalties especially when we were only four minutes from glory," he said.

"Croatia was so close this time. Maybe it will be next time."



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● Jeff Olver

## OLVER, DAVIDSON, CRINO SET FOR IMMORTALITY

JEFF Olver of Melbourne Croatia will become the longest-serving Socceroo goalkeeper during the Olympic Games.

Alan Davidson (Croatia) and Oscar Crino (Footscray JUST) will accompany Olver into the history books.

Allan Maher, the former Marconi goalkeeper, played 39 games for the Socceroo — one more than Olver, if the Socceroos get no further than the three group matches in the Olympics. Olver will boost his tally to 41 appearances.

Next among the longest-serving Socceroo goalkeepers are Terry Greedy (38 appearances) and Jack Reilly (35).

A Socceroo all-star team, made up of the longest-serving players in each position after the Olympics, will include no less than seven members of the present national squad.

Davidson will come in at right back with at least 64 appearances. At the moment, Davidson has 61 games to his credit leaving him level with former St George Budapest and Footscray JUST right-back Doug Utjesenovic.

Crino will boost his tally to 62, enabling him to move ahead of Ray Richards (60) and join Jimmy Rooney (100) and Johnny Warren (62) in the all-star midfield.

Other present-day players already among the all-stars are Graham Jennings at left back, Charlie Yankos at centre back and Frank Farina among the forwards.

The line-ups, as it stands, is Maher (39) — Utjesenovic/Davidson (61 each), Peter Wilson (115), Yankos (74), Jennings (71) — Warren (62), Rooney (100), Richards (60) — Abonyi (88), Kosmina (101), Farina (64).



● Alan Davidson



● Oscar Crino

By  
**LAURIE  
SCHWAB**  
of The  
Age



With Wally Savor out of the squad due to injury, Davidson moves from midfield to right back and Mike Petersen returns to the midfield after missing the recent Bicentennial Gold Cup.

David Mitchell, who has been starring for Feyenoord in Holland, may replace Scott Ollerenshaw in attack. Alternatively, coach Frank Arok may go for only two strikers, in order to include a second stopper.

After watching Yugoslavia — the Socceroos' first opponent in the Olympics — beat Switzerland 2-0 in Lucerne, Arok decided that the Yugoslav's twin strikers, Mihailovic and Djukic and well as left flanker Tuce, have to be man-marked. Davidson will be assigned to Tuce and Robbie Dunn will pick up either Mihailovic or Djukic. To mark the other striker, Arok will have to give Jennings or Paul Wade a purely defensive role, which is not desirable, or include Alex Tobin or Gary van Egmond as a specialist marker.

Brazil and Nigeria are the other teams in Australia's group.

Speaking about the task that confronts him, Arok said: "Now the art of coaching is fully tested. We must unite and assess and we must aim once again at sharpness of mind and body. We did it for the Olympic qualifying series, we did it for the Gold Cup and now we have to do it again.



Alan Maher ●



Doug Utjesenovic ●



Ray Richards ●

## NSL'S RESTRUCTURE TO RAISE COUNCIL HACKLES?

CLARINDA coach John Kennedy made an interesting point in commenting on my recent criticism of the VSF in an off-season tournament.

In the same article I questioned the logic of the VSF's league restructuring.

Kennedy, the former South Melbourne Hellas and Riggwood Wilhelmina goalkeeper, wonders how a local council will react when the club to which it has

bequeathed a ground, uses it for only 11 home matches a year.

Ratapayers will have good reason to question the wisdom of allocating a valuable resource for such sparse usage.

It is not inconceivable that councils will allow other organisations to share soccer grounds — hockey and cricket clubs, for example.

Soccer Star's



Action-Packed Picture Page

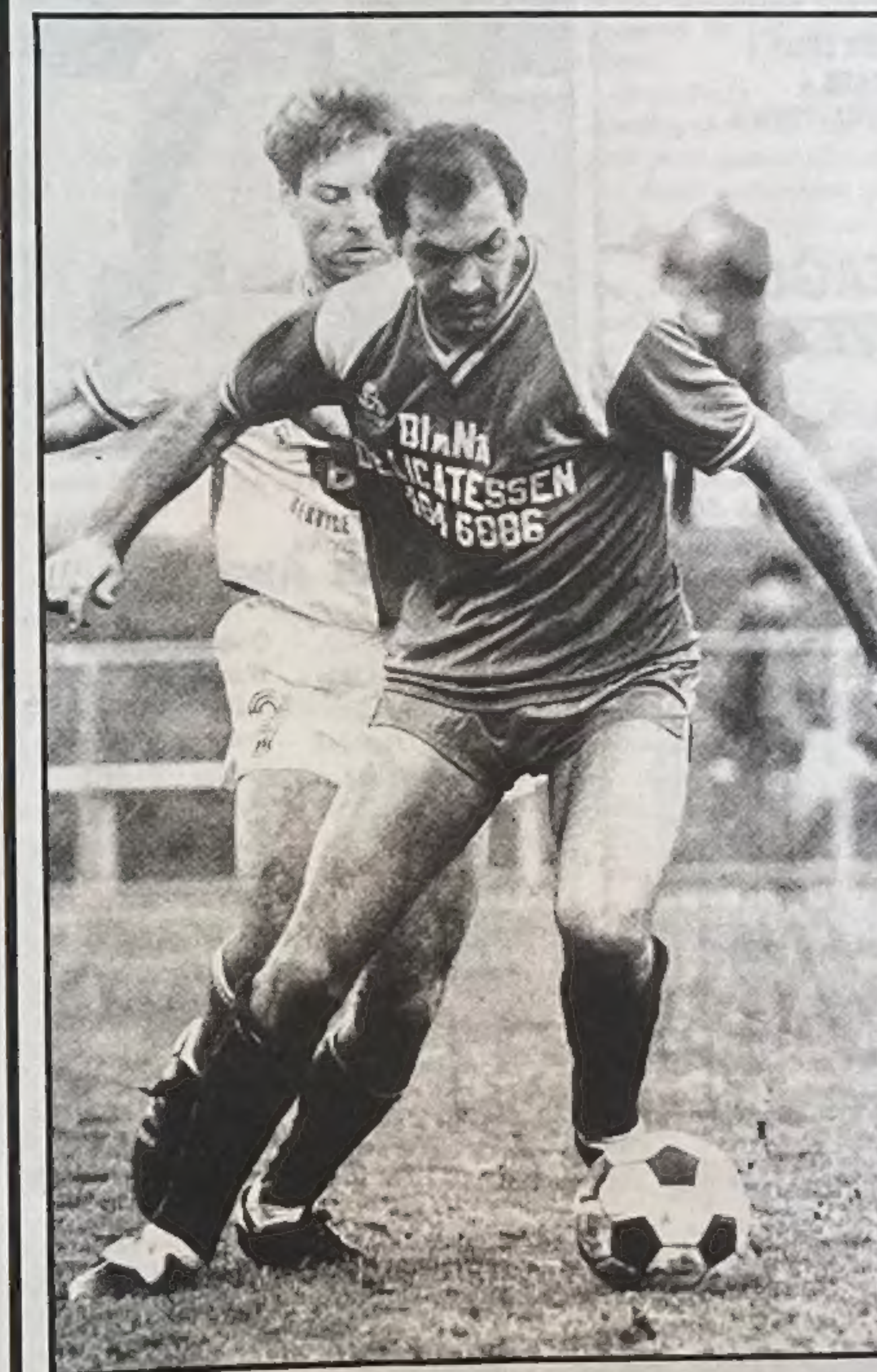


● Action from Japan Melbourne's Danny Gennovesi slides in to score against Osaka.



● Caulfield's Bruno Cozzella beats Northcote's Chris Bekiaris to the ball.

PICTURES By  
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● Northcote's Chris Manou



● St Alban's Ivan Kelic



● St Albans v Croydon man of the match Velimir Kupresak





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## Round Twenty-Seven Details

**ST ALBANS 1 (Kelic. pen, 29th) CROYDON CITY 0**  
At Churchill Reserve, Saturday. Referee M. Callapietra. Cautions Kupresak, Duzel (SLA), M. Runje, McIntosh, G. Runje (C).  
ST ALBANS: Grgic 8 — Dragovic 6, Colina 8, Gagula 7, Macasevic 6 — Kupresak 8, Duzel 7, Susnjara 5, Culina 7 — Kelic 7, Rastocic 6, Coach Tony Vrzina.  
CROYDON CITY: M. Runje 7 — Brown 7, Langsbury 7, McIntosh 6, Dobson 8 — Van Egmond 6, Brack 6 (Byrne 70th) Middlemast 5, Campbell 5 — G. Runje 6, Humble 6 (French HT). Coach Miron Bleiberg.

**OAKLEIGH 0 MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Sokoluk pen, 60th)**  
At Caloola Reserve, Saturday. Referee M. Gaut. Cautions Grutzmacher (O).  
OAKLEIGH: Alexandropoulos 7 — Parthenis 6, Grutzmacher 8, Henderson 8, Ross 6 — Haidaris 7, Halford 6, Livingstone 7, Kondos 6, (Tankalakis 70th) — Stamatis 7, Zagoudis 6 (Karavelos 75th). Coach Takis Sviggos.

**MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds 8 — Clarke 8, Bingham 8, Bruns (inj. Stirton 14th, 7), Gots 7 — Doyle (inj. Cassar 14th, 7), Webster 8, O'Callaghan 9, Drakeford 7 — Sokoluk 8, Ashwood 7. Coach Bobby McLachlan.**

Ansett best player award: O'Callaghan (M.F.) 3, Grutzmacher (O) 2, Sokoluk (M.F.) 1.

**NORTHCOTE CITY 0 CAULFIELD CITY 3 (o.g. 10th, Deligiannis 33rd, Harris, pen. 59th)**

At John Cain Reserve, Sunday. Referee Z.Mnch.  
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudla 6 — Bekiaris 6, Palmaricciotti 5 (Leonardos HT), N. Constantinou 5, J. Constantinou 6 — Woodall 7, Ramos 8, Manou 6, P. Constantinou 5 — Gilder 6 (Tsangos 61st), Gynopoulos 7. Coach Carl Gilder.

**CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer 6 — Abraam 6, Fattore 7 (inj. Zouzounis 59th), Harris 9, Filipou 8 — Theoharous 7, Alagoziadis 8, Bitsonis 7, Zolotarev 6 (Goutzioulis 74th) — Cozzella 8, Deligiannis 7. Coach Jimmy Condilis.**  
Ansett best player award: Harris (C) 3, Ramos (N) 2, Alagoziadis (C) 1. (Ratings by Sean Lane)

**RINGWOOD CITY 7 (Cocker 5th, 7th, Nijholt 13th, 44th, 89th pen., McGuire 38th, Corvan 68th). BULLEEN 1 (Lujic 11th)**  
At Jubilee Park, Sunday. Referee B. Upjohn. Cautions Corvan (R).

**RINGWOOD CITY: Janssen 7 — Cumming 8, Nolan 8, May 8 (Kennedy 82nd), Verniers 8 — Wemyss 8, Corvan 7, McGuire 8, Lepre 8 (Hart 88th) — Cocker 9, Nijholt 9. Coach Hans Petersen.**

**BULLEEN: Contini 6 — Marsan 6, Krajacic 7, Curulli 6, Curcio (Romano 30th, 7), Angele 6, Bozikas 6, Ruccia 6, Keenan 6 — Avia 6, Lujic 8. Coach Jimmy Rooney.**

Ansett best player award: Cocker (R) 3, Nijholt (R) 2, Lujic (B) 1.

**BOX HILL 2 (Thomas 15th, Roodhouse 87th) FAWKNER 1 (Hennessy 32nd)**

At Wembley Park, Sunday. Referee N. Zachariadis.  
BOX HILL: McKinlay 9 — McArthur 7, Davidson 8, Roodhouse 9, Hanley 7 — Burton 7, Thomas 7, Brimmer 7, McAleer 7 — McBride 8, Martinucci 7. Coach John Brown.

**FAWKNER: Wilson 7 — Walsh 8, Ferla 6, Hennessy 6, Minichiello 9 — Schipano 6, Fraser 6, Stenson 8, Cullen 7 — Brown 6, Hanna 7. Coach Frank McAleer.**

Ansett best player award: McKinlay (B.H.) 3, Roodhouse (B.H.) 2, Minichiello (F.) 1.

**SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Findlay 20th) THOMASTOWN (Lewis 61st, 75th)**

At Ross Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Fearn. Sent off Livingstone (S/vale), Bissinger, Whyte, Findlay (S/vale), McMillan (Thom.)

**SPRINGVALE CITY: Hermus 7 — Reilly 7, Adams 7, Bissinger 7, Whyte 7, — Bell 7, Findlay 8, Livingstone (sent off), Keenan 7 — Richardson 6, Bothwell 6. Coach Gus MacLeod.**

**THOMASTOWN: Janakievski 7 — Mihailidis 7, Higgins 7, Pianalto 7, McMillan 7 — Carfora 6, Cristaldo 7, Dougherty 8, Raguso 6 (Mihos 80th) — Athersych 7, Lewis 8. Coach Bill Murray.**

Ansett best player award: Lewis (T) 3, Findlay (S) 2, Dougherty (T) 1.

**HEIDELBERG UNITED 2 (Theodosopoulos 75th, Pappas 85th) WESTERN SUBURBS**

At Olympic Village Sunday. Referee J. Hogg. Cautions Hamill (W.S.)  
HEIDELBERG: Banovic 5 — Patiniotis 9, Dowie 8, Ousalkas 7, Kanesoulis 8 — Stubbins 8, Morovic 6 (Pappas 75th). Coach Jim Tansey.

**WESTERN SUBURBS: Hantzilazarou 6 — Hamill 7, Kountouris 7, Pender 9, Esposito 6 — Kagioglou 6, Metaxas 5 (Dimovski 70th), Williams 7, Kopsatis 6 — Tuck 7, Daley 6. Coach Kaz Kulak.**

Ansett best player award: Pender (W.S.) 3, Patiniotis (H) 2, Dowie (H) 1.

## PACIFIC TIMBER STATE LEAGUE LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
THOMASTOWN	27	14	6	7	36	27	34
HEIDELBERG	26	14	5	7	47	28	33
ST ALBANS	27	12	8	5	34	22	32
CAULFIELD CITY	27	12	8	7	40	30	32

Green Gully	25	11	8	6	35	22	30
Northcote City	26	9	10	7	35	31	28
Croydon City	24	10	7	7	27	25	27
Ringwood City	27	10	6	11	40	38	26
Box Hill	27	7	11	9	34	36	25

Springvale City	27	8	9	10	28	34	25
Morwell Falcons	27	7	10	10	24	29	24
Maribyrnong	26	9	5	12	39	39	23
Bulleen	25	8	7	10	23	38	23
Western Suburbs	27	9	3	15	29	44	21
Fawkner	26	7	6	13	21	30	20
Oakleigh	26	5	5	16	20	39	15

## STATE LEAGUE RESERVES RESULTS

OAKLEIGH 2 MORWELL FALCONS 1  
ST ALBANS 2 CROYDON CITY 1  
NORTHCOTE CITY 2 CAULFIELD CITY 2  
RINGWOOD CITY 1 BULLEEN 1  
HEIDELBERG UNITED 3 WESTERN SUBURBS 1  
MARIBYRNONG 0 GREEN GULLY 4  
BOX HILL 0 FAWKNER 4  
SPRINGVALE CITY 2 THOMASTOWN 0

## STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fawkner	26	19	2	5	72	31	40
Northcote City	25	16	7	2	60	24	39
Bulleen	26	13	8	5	59	36	34
St Albans	26	14	6	6	46	40	34
Green Gully	27	14	4	9	62	41	32
Caulfield City	26	13	5	8	56	40	31
Heidelberg	26	11	6	9	54	44	28
Morwell Falcons	27	11	5	11	46	39	27
Ringwood City	25	9	9	7	56	52	27
Box Hill	27	11	4	12	50	49	26
Thomastown	25	8	6	11	46	62	22
Croydon City	23	8	5	10	45	38	21
Western Suburbs	27	8	4	15	36	70	20
Maribyrnong	26	7	1	18	38	70	15
Springvale City	26	5	3	18	29	58	13
Oakleigh	24	1	1	22	23	84	3

**MARIBYRNONG 0 GREEN GULLY 2 (Quigley 70th, Douglas 83rd)**

At Raleigh Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Stojkovic. Cautions McClelland, Smart, Douglas (G.C.)

**MARIBYRNONG: Kostazewa 7 — Lipiarski 7, Innes 8, Mila 6, Smolarek 6 — Baran 5, Bonk 6, Watson 7, Chetcuti 7 — Warszawski 7, Lakic 7. Coach Jim McIntyre.**

**GREEN GULLY: Sant 8 — Napoli 7, Cannell 7, Cutler 7, Grimaud 7 — Quigley 8, Farquharson 8, McClelland 7, Smart 7 — Douglas 7, O'Donnell 7. Coach Willie Vassallo.**

Ansett best player award: Farquharson (G.C.) 3, Quigley (G.C.) 2, Innes (Mar) 1.

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## Ansett Award

40. Harris (Caul)	Quigley (G.G.)
36. Roodhouse (B.H.)	Warszawski (Mar)
25. Duzel (St.A.)	14. Bruns (M.F.)
25. Woodall (North)	Dougherty (Thom)
28. Kupresak (St.A.)	Findlay (S/vale)
18. Webster (M.F.)	Higgins (Thom)
Contini (Bul)	Innes (mar)
17. Tuck (West)	McIntosh (Croy)
McKinlay (B.H.)	Pender (West)
16. Gilder (North)	Pianalto (Thom)
15. Drakeford (M.F.)	13. Banovic (Heid)
	Cannell (G.G.)
	Daley (West)
	Halford (Oak)
	Innes (Mar)
	Baran (1 pen. Mar)
	Keenan (S/vale)
	Nijholt (Ring)
	Raynes (Heid)
	Walsh (Fawk)
	12. Davidson (B.H.)
	Janakievski (Thom)
	Patiniotis (Heid)
	Ramos (North)
	11. Anastasiadis (Heid)
	Culina (St.A.)
	Griffin (Caul)
	Lucchesi (Heid)

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## Leading goalscorers

15. Nijholt (Ring.)	3. Bozic (S/vale)
12. Tuck (West)	Bryden (3 pens. S/vale)
11. Morovic (Heid)	Campbell, J. (Croy)
Warszawski (Mar)	Cassar (M.F.)
Woodall (4 pens. North)	Constantinou, P. (North)
9. Brimmer (B.H.)	Cumming (Ringw)
Carfora (Thom)	Daley (West)
McGuinness (2 pens. Thom)	Davie (Ring)
O'Donnell (G.G.)	Hanna (Fawk)
7. Anastasiadis (Heid)	Livingstone (1 pen. Oak)
Corvan (Ring)	McBride (1 pen. B.H.)
French (Croy)	McClelland (G.G.)
Lewis (Thom)	McGuire (1 pen.)
Pappas (Heid)	Ousalkas (Heid)
Sokoluk (M.F.)	Przybyla (Mar)
6. Bozikas (Bul)	Theodosopoulos (Heid)
Cozzella (Caul)	Trogic (Bul)
Duzel (St.A.)	Tsangos (North)
Harris (6 pens)	Watson (Mar)
Kopsahtis (West)	Webster (M.F.)
Lujic (Bul)	2. Angele (Bul)
Popovski (St.A.)	Avian (Bul)
Runje, G. (Croy)	Aretis (B.H.)
Verechia (S/vale)	Bekiaris (North)
Zemunik (Caul)	Bitsonis (Caul)
5. Athersych (Thom)	Constantinou, N. (North)
Bonk (Mar)	Cristaldo (Thom)
Campbell, G. (2 pens. B.H.)	Dimovski (West)
Deligiannis (Caul)	Dougherty (Thom)
De Bono (Mar)	Dimovski (West)
Douglas (G.G.)	Dougherty (Thom)
Keenan (S/vale)	Fraser (Fawk)
Raynes (2 pens. Heid)	Gilder (North)
Stubbins (Heid)	Halford (Oak)
4. Alagoziadis (Caul)	Henderson (Oak)
Baran (1 pen. Mar)	Kral (S/vale)
Burton (B.H.)	Lakic (Mar)
Cocker (Ring)	Lipiariski (Mar)
Findlay (S/vale)	Lucchesi (Heid)
Hennessy (Fawk)	Manou (North)
Humble (Croy)	McArthur (B.H.)
Drakeford (M.F.)	Nicolaides (Oak)
Kupresak (St.A.)	Roodhouse (B.H.)
Morrey (1 pen. S/vale)	Roumpos (West)
Ramos (North)	Thodis (North)
Thomas (B.H.)	Tsangos (North)
Van Egmond (Croy)	Wilson (G.G.)

THE most surprising aspect of last week's State League round was its lack of surprises.

We have become so injured to shocks and upsets this season that it seems positively ho hum when the top four behave predictably and all win!

The weekend wasn't without its highlights though, Ringwood City for instance made it a memorable one by recording the highest score of the season against Bulleen, as its hat-trick hero John Nijholt moved to within two goals of leading goalscorer Ivan Kelic.

Anyone turning up 15 minutes late at Jubilee Park Ringwood on Sunday could have been forgiven for demanding his money back on the grounds that the game was all over.

The score by then was 3-1 in the home team's favor, but that was only a foretaste of the fun to come.

Ringwood's strikers scenting victory banged in four more against one of the better goalkeepers in the League, Alan Contini, and frustrated Bulleen coach Jimmy Rooney was dismissed from the arena by referee Bernie Upjohn for allegedly swearing.

Rooney's pent-up frustration is understandable, because he has had a trying season trying to steer a newly-promoted club to a safe finishing position with little in the way of resources.

His one big buy of the year, Zdravko Lujic has been a big success, but one swallow doesn't make a summer, and most of the time Lujic has been ploughing a lonely furrow up front.

So intense is the competition in Reilly's cellar that Bulleen after starting the day only one point behind Ringwood finds itself now in almost relegation spot, fourth from bottom, whilst Ringwood is looking comparatively safe in eighth place.

His team's goal difference has to be Rooney's biggest worry, where survival is concerned.

The four clubs above him, Maribyrnong, Falcons, Springvale and Box Hill all have much

## ● BYE, BYE NORTHCOTE, CROYDON ● MORE MORWELL MISFORTUNE

superior goal differences, and that will probably be the deciding factor in the crunch.

And how different Ringwood's prospects are now!

Only one team, Heidelberg, has scored more goals and coach Hans Petersen must be breathing easier when he looks at his nearest rivals' goal differences.

Ringwood faces a stern test on Saturday, against the unpredictable, mercurial Caulfield at Princes Park.

Dare I predict a Caulfield victory?... see the end of this column for the answer.

Bulleen faces relegation-bound Oakleigh at home, but seasoned campaigner Rooney knows better than to expect an easy victory.

Oakleigh's promoted youngsters have nothing in the way of honours to play for, but they are playing now to enjoy themselves and as Thomastown and Morwell Falcons would readily attest, they aren't to be taken lightly.

It's a big bonus for them too that they aren't playing at that notorious Caloola Reserve.

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**TANSEY'S SUBS DO THE TRICK**  
Newly-appointed Heidelberg coach Jim Tansey's first comment after seeing his team play for the first time this season was "I'm safe for at least one week more."

But he had spent an anxious 75 minutes watching his team fiddle while Western Suburbs burned, until substitute Lou Theodosopoulos put him out of his misery with a header that scraped in under the bar.

He'd had to make two tough decisions too, taking off last year's State League top-goalscorer Dennis Morovic for Caulfield reject Con Pappas and swapping import Andy O'Dell for the goal-scorer.

Sending on a player you've never seen play in place of the club's top goalscorer is either genius or madness; if it works, as it did this time the coach looks gifted, if it doesn't he appears a chump.

Dennis Morovic looked about as happy at being taken off as did John Aldridge when Ian Rush turned up, but big likeable Dennis might be starting a new trend.

Is he trying to emulate Pat Cash with the gaudy head-band?

I've got a tip for him, if he tries throwing a few of those bands into the crowd, a la Pat Cash, he'll probably get them back with interest wrapped round a tinny (empty, of course).

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## State League Preview By BRIAN JAMES

**TITLE CHANCES DOWN TO FIVE NOW**

Predictable as the weekend's results turned out to be, they reduced the number of genuine title aspirants from seven to five as Croydon City and Northcote City stumbled out of contention.

Of course I know that Northcote has one game and Croydon two games in hand but when it's down to the nitty gritty it's runs on the board that count...

those games in hand still have to be won.

Sunday wasn't a good day for Northcote coach Carl Gilder... it started off disastrously when he 'phoned up the soccer score service and learned that Arsenal had lost at home.

He said before the game that his team kept making the job of winning even harder by giving away silly goals, and how prophetic that turned out to be.

The game was only ten minutes old when Alex

Gymnopoulos under pressure from John Bitsonis back headed a Paul Harris free-kick into his own net.

Then a sloppy back-pass found Nick Deligiannis facing Mark Turudia at point-blank range, Caulfield went two-up and from there on it was downhill all the way.

Still, it's been a great comeback from Northcote City this year after it preserved its State League status by the skin of its teeth last year.

The players deserve a big pat on the back for keeping going at a club that seems to change its committee as often as Italy has Prime Ministers.

And that's not to mention coaching upheavals either.

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But as far as the title is concerned, Northcote went in one game from contender to pretender.

**SHOT-SHY CROYDON PAYS PENALTY**  
The other team that fell out of title contention was, of course Croydon City.

I am quite an admirer of Miron Bleiberg as a coach, so I hesitate to say that I thought Croydon's tactics were all wrong in the first half against St Albans.

The second half seemed to prove my point, for after snatching the lead with an undeserved penalty, the Saints fell back into a defensive mode and only rank bad shooting by Croydon's front men saved the home side.

Croydon needs to win all its games and improve its goal difference too if it is to take a hand in the finish, and I think the task is beyond it.

Croydon (after playing Green Gully tonight as we are being printed), takes on Springvale City on

Sunday in what could be a no-holds-barred tussle.

Springvale coach Gus MacLeod was a far from happy man at the end of his game with Thomastown last Sunday, and I'm assured by reliable witnesses that he had a point as referee Jim Fearn had, and I quote, "another nightmare".

Are referees singling out Springvale for any reason, I wonder? I ask that only because it seems that Springvale has more players sent off than any other club.

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**CAN MARIBYRNONG SURVIVE?**

It is beginning to look as though Maribyrnong's brave fight to stay in the State League is a lost cause, and in more ways than one.

Not only does it seem certain now to be relegated, but its very existence as a club seems unlikely.

Last season's champion almost succumbed through lack of interest even before this season started, and one time there was talk of amalgamation with another, smaller club.



**ST ALBANS 1 (Kelic pen. 28th)**  
**CROYDON CITY 0**  
ST Albans defeated Croydon City 1-0 in an unimpressive match at Churchill reserve on Saturday.

The lone goal came in the 28th minute of the first-half, after Ivan Kelic was fouled in the area by Croydon's Dave McIntosh, earning the Saints a penalty.

Once the whistle blew 19-year-old Kelic managed to haul himself up off the turf and take the kick himself. Placing the ball into Mirko Runje's top left hand corner thus bringing up his fifteenth goal of the season.

In the second-half ST Albans seemed happy with the scoreline and brought practically everyone wearing a red shirt back to protect its precious lead. Croydon happily took control and pushed forward continuously searching for that elusive equaliser. However, it never came.

Croydon did come desperately close in scoring in the 57th minute, when a Coran Runje

diving header rose only centimetres above the crossbar allowing St Albans to breathe a sigh of relief and hold out for another valuable two points.

— Costa Koutropoulos

**NORTHCOTE CITY 0 CAULFIELD CITY 2 (o.g. 10th, Deligiannis 33rd, Harris pen. 58th)**  
TWO defensive blunders and a penalty helped Caulfield City 3-0 at the John Cain Reserve on Sunday.

The first goal in the 10th minute when Northcote's Alex Gymnopoulos unfortunately headed the ball into his own net from a Paul Harris free-kick.

Thirteen minutes later Nick Deligiannis converted his fourth goal of the season by intercepting a poor back-pass. With only 'keeper Mark Turudia to beat Deligiannis placed the ball with his right foot beyond the driving hands

of Turudia, increasing Caulfield's lead to 2-0. Although Northcote clearly dominated the second-half, a Caulfield victory was sealed in the 58th minute. Aki Alagizoides was brought down inside the 18-yard box, which resulted in a penalty being awarded to the away side. Rothman's medalist, Paul Harris, stepped up and squeezed the ball between Turudia's fingertips and the left-hand post.

With the score standing at 3-0 in Caulfield's favor, Northcote refused to die and was extremely unlucky not to have poached a goal back. In the 75th minute a shot by substitute Leonardos struck the crossbar, as Martin Woodall whose shot also hit the bar.

Only two minutes remained until the final whistle when Northcote hit the crossbar for the third time. Alas, the action ceased there and Caulfield

survived the Northcote revival to return home with its slim title hopes still alive.

— Costa Koutropoulos

**VICTORIAN LEAGUE Division Four**  
**Boro 3**  
**Keysborough 0**

**BORONIA:** K. Marsh, C. Pavay, D. Geoghegan, Dino Milosevic, K. White, C. Whyte, P. Strahan, D. Bain, C. Langdon, G. Radcliffe, D. Morgan, Da. Fairburn, B. Clarke, C. Bravo. Coach: Ian Williamson. Line: Bart Harrold.

**KEYSBOROUGH:** S. Macturk, P. Thorp, R. Fraser, J. Crivari, M. Fraser, D. Bruce, D. Nguyen, D. Bixoux, C. McDougall, G. Castel (caution), G. De Baize, C. Guillemain, Crowley S. (W. Rae 57—caution), J. Bixoux. Coach: W. Rae. Line: L. Dumolard.

Laying siege to Keysborough's goal from the kick off in this match post-

poned from July 30th, Boronia went to the lead at five minutes.

The visitors' keeper, Stuart Macturk, mis-kicked to Gary Radcliffe (Boronia) who in turn put the ball to teammate Chris. Langdon in his new role of target man. Langdon lobbed the ball high over the head of Macturk who could only finger-scrape the ball as it entered the net.

Langdon and Radcliffe dominated throughout the match with Radcliffe making Boronia's score 2-0 at 14 minutes after some beautiful evasive footwork. He beat several men to net with a low shot from the edge of the penalty area.

Earlier, Philip Strahan had tested Macturk who dived to save at the foot of the post.

Keysborough had its moments and could have scored several times — once when the ball stuck on Boronia's goal line and Dino Milosevic was there to clear.

De Baize (Keysborough) was awarded a penalty a minute later for obstruction by Boronia's keeper Ken Marsh and Milosevic but his spot kick hit the inside of the post.

At 54 minutes Keysborough gained another spot kick but this was saved by Marsh.

Radcliffe well-earned Boronia's man of the match award with another brilliant run to feed Langdon at 80 minutes who netted to make the final score of 3-0 to Boronia.

Boronia's best: G. Radcliffe, D. Bain, K. Marsh. Keysborough's best: D. Nguyen, S. Crivan.

Boronia's reserves ran riot with a tally of 8-0.

The David Fairburn and Robert Jack combination fired yet again — each kicking a hat-trick. These goals brought Fairburn's tally for the season to 23 and Jack's to 11.

Veteran players David Jillings and player-coach Hamish Young also scored.

Boronia's best three: 1. D. Fairburn, 2. H. Young, 3. D. Jillings.

**Footnote:** In last week's report on the Boronia-Bentleigh Green game the last two words of paragraph two were wrongly altered and should have read "tired visibly" and NOT "poor visibility" — despite the bad weather there was NO fog!

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**PROVISIONAL LEAGUE Division One**  
**Clayton 2**  
**North Sunshine 0**

**CLAYTON:** Szabo, Potir, Pansino, Smith, Broxham,

Di Iorio, D'Angelo, Calenda, Wells, Riccinoi, Bastasin, Ruffolo, Reid.

**NORTH SUNSHINE:** De Freitas, Unsworth, Gate, Sacco, Mercieca, Grimm, French, De Freitas, Gatt, Sant, Vole, Auzin, Sacco.

Clayton continued on its winning way with a good 2-0 win over North Sunshine.

Clayton attacked from the start with strong play from Wells, Galenda and Riccinoi only to be held out by the tight defence of Grimm, Sacco, and Unsworth from North Sunshine.

In the second half Clayton moved into top gear and with a great drive from 30 metres out D'Angelo blasted home Clayton's first goal. Clayton continued to put North Sunshine under pressure and from a cross hit low across the six yard area after being missed by two players' and sticking in the mud. Bastasin put away Clayton's second goal to produce a good away win.

Best players: Clayton; Broxham, Pansino, Wells. North Sunshine; Grimm, French, Gatt.

Clayton Reserves also won a hard-fought game 3-0 with goals from Martino, Biondo and an own goal.

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**MELTON 2**  
**Diamond Valley United 2**

**DIAMOND VALLEY:** Hamilton, Drapper, Love, B. Coyle, Litchfield, Kerr, Flaherty, Dallas, K. Coyle, Crompton, Kelly, Hodgson, Pearson.

**MELTON:** Fuller, Tetzner, Constantino, Sendra, Farmer, Gornial, C. Lee, Sendaris, A. Lee, Deluca, Sweeney, Hill, Hale.

The loss of a point in this game cost Diamond Valley United top spot in the league, a position it has held since early in the season.

Although now second on goal difference in third and fourth placed teams moved to within a point which makes the three remaining games vital. United must still be wondering how it never won this one as they dominated the game from start to finish. United got a grip on the game early forcing Melton on the defensive and at the 15-minute mark a fine run by Brian Coyle ended when he was tripped in the box and brother Keiron slotted the ball into the net to put United 1-0 up.

Despite applying all the pressure, United couldn't get a final touch to convert their many chances then, on the half hour, the home team equalised when from a corner Lee shot home. This was Melton's first shot on goal and in fact the first time it had been in

United's box. United continued to dominate but, right on half time, Melton struck again when a cross was headed home by Deluca but United's defence must be questioned how a player can be left unmarked so close to goal.

The second half saw United again force Melton back and when Flaherty again best the full back his cross had the home defence in a panic and a defender put the ball in his own net.

In the end United had to settle for a draw but after dominating the whole game should have won handsomely. Best for United were Flaherty and the Coyle brothers, Keiron and Brian.

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**Division Two East Geelong 3**  
**Wav/Mulgrave Utd. 0**

**HOME TEAM:** C. Pilipovski, V. McLaughlin, J. Todorovski, E. O'Leary, L. Temolkovski, P. Stojanovski, S. Tanic, B. Nicolovski, K. Rendavski, K. Tajanovski.

**VISITORS:** C. Elliott, S. Efthasiou, A. Campbell, B. Alderson, G. Scott, L. Rinnovasi, I. Prince, S. Dalton, S. Tsakoumakis, I. Hamilton, G. Ivopovski, G. Thomis, M. Rinnovasi.

E. Geelong made a good start playing with a light wind on their back and scoring after 10 minutes. Both sides attacked constantly with the goalkeepers working hard at both ends.

With a strong wind advantage, keeper C. Elliott made two good saves to keep Wav/Mul. still at 1-0 down. The wind calmed down in the second half and Wav/Mul. went on the attack but two goals against the run of play in the 61st and 64th minutes caused by back-line error stopped them. At 65th minute Marco Rinnovasi came in as sub.

Wav/Mulgrave started to play with more determination, just missing a few good chances to score, but E. Geelong defence held up well to end at 3-0. Wav/Mul. Reserves won 1-2.

— Gabriele Rinnovasi

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**Division Three South Dandenong 3**  
**Kansington United 2**

**SOUTH:** F. Memodovski, R. Lumani, S. Fus (31 min.), K. Craven, M. Jusic (25 min.), J. Elmazovski (58 min.), Y. Gonullu, L. Alparslan, S. Elmazovski (26 min.), S. Yildirim (52 & 84 min.), H. Sepetici (6, 73, 87 min.).

**KENSINGTON:** J. Jankovic, D. McLaughlin, J. Koutsouroumpas, T.

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## INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

**NOW it can be said: Middle Park is the 1988 League Champion. Needing a point to make its position unassailable, Middle Park must have made the journey to Glenroy Doxa with the memory of two successive demoralising defeats weighing heavily on the minds of its players. The more so because Glenroy Doxa is never a pushover.**

The final 1-0 score-line is an accurate reflection of the closeness and the tension which prevailed throughout this match.

For the Parkers, this win was the culmination of a season of dedicated and disciplined attention to the fundamentals of the game. As a team, they have never dominated in the manner of some previous

champions but, through sheer gutsy endeavor, have consistently been able to hang in there even when their form appeared suspect.

In fact, over the season to date they have scored only six goals more than sixth placed Glenroy Doxa United. But a near impenetrable defence has conceded an average of

## MIDDLE PARK SEWS UP TITLE

only half a goal per game. And that has been the secret of their success.

This match was no exception, as it was completely dominated by the defence of both teams. For Middle Park, centre-half, Steve Tanner, was virtually impassable, while Mario Calleja for Glenroy Doxa proved even more of a brick wall to the Middle Park attackers.

About the only forward on the day who was able to break the defensive wall was Doxa's Mike Zammit, who twice powered his way down the wing, but on both occasions shot wide. In what was perhaps a cruel irony, the only goal of the day came from a 35th minute long-distance shot from the Parkers' Peter Warren, which Doxa's Ted Ellul only half-stopped.

The ball ran on slowly from that contact, and really should have been cleared with comparative ease, but the defender second in line was a little over-eager and merely deflected the ball into his own net.

Despite the dominance of the defence of both sides, the game never lacked interest, with both sides repeatedly trying to launch into full-blooded attack.

The Division 2A championship was also sewn up in this round, Windsor met and repulsed the Rowville challenge, and is now sitting pretty four points clear, with two rounds to play. There is no way it will not pick up at least one point from its remaining encounters, and in any case, its massive goal difference provides sufficient cushion to make it safe.

Actually, the 6-2 score-line does not do Rowville United justice as, on the balance of play, the result could have been a lot closer. Rowville tried hard all day, but it was inevitable that that touch of class possessed by the Windsor, combination would see it through.

The position in 2M is not so clear-cut. Division leaders Fibremakers United and challengers Montrose, continued on their winning ways, leaving only one point separating the two sides. Could it be that

**Fibremakers will have to depend on its game in hand? Form says no, but anything can still happen.**

We will skip over Division A Three East, where Dallas United made sure of the championship weeks ago, but pause long enough to remark that Keeley Kings has now made sure of the runners-up award.

In Division Three West, Tottenham has now played itself into an untouchable position, its gutsy 1-0 win over Altona Heights in this round pushing it five points clear of its nearest rival, St Albans Wanderers, which lost 1-2 away to Altona North Arden. Keilor Old Boys appears to have made sure of fourth with its 5-0 demolition of Creswick Town.

In Division Four also it is all over bar the shouting. Flemington Florida is the 1988 champion, with a 10-point break on its nearest rivals. The big question now is whether RAAF College, Salesian College Old Boys or Preston Tramways will earn the runners-up guernsey. The RAAF and Salesian are locked together on 19 points with the Tramways a further three points in arrears.

On the basis that runs on the board are what count, RAAF College would be favoured by a small shade of odds.

It is a few weeks since we've talked about the reserves competition, and it is here that the real excitement of the last two rounds will occur. In Division One, Middle Park leads Hampton Park by two points, with Highpoint and Footscray United each four points further back. Logically, the contest for major honors lies between the two Parks — Next week's encounters probably being crucial to the final outcome.

In Division 2M, the position is even closer, with Fibremakers United on 25 points just heading Swinburne and Springvale Eagles, each on 23, and each having a better goal difference than the leaders.

The postponed game between

**Springvale Eagles and Fibremakers United, scheduled for 25th September, looks likely to determine the championship, unless of course the Students down the Eagles in next week's encounter.**

As usual, Division 2A provides the greatest tension, wit Rowville United and North Dandenong Sparrows neck and neck on 27 points. The clash between the Sparrows and Rowville United on September 18 seems almost certain to decide the championship, provided of course that it is not a draw. Lurking a point further back is Flamingo, which seems almost certain to win its remaining two matches, in which case, we could have three teams locked together on 30 points with only goal difference to decide the final issue.

With all the nail-biting tension which has dominated all three reserves competitions with first one team and then another gaining the ascendancy, it seems a pity that we have not been able to devote more space to these titanic struggles.

With all the attention focussed on League and Cup encounters, a number of other competitions or awards tend to be overlooked. Who, for example, will win "The Herald" Sportsman Award for the Club incurring the least number of penalty points from "bookings" and send-offs for the year? Will it be Coomora Spiders? Or Middle Park? Or Oakleigh City? Or RAAF College? Suffice to say that several teams are still in the running, but it does seem certain that a score of less than 100 will be needed.

Then there is the Player of the Year Award, which generally comes from amongst First Division Players. There are many outstanding players in this division, and names which immediately spring to mind include Pastore of

Australian Airlines, Brown of Hampton Park, Loncar of Highpoint, Dwyer, Cerjah and McIntyre of Middle Park, Cengija of St Albans Dynamo, or perhaps Dragojevic of Altona Ilinden.

This week's accolade goes to Chris Pavli of Preston Pythons who not only worked like a Trojan all day, but saved no less than three penalties in helping his team hang on to a 1-1 draw against Thomastown United. Not only did he face three different strikers, two in the first half, and the third late in the game, but had to contend with shots to either side and of varying height.

Chris, like a good wine, seems to be improving with age, and many of his performances this year have been absolutely brilliant.

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TELL US HOW YOUR TEAM FARED WITH THIS FORM.



LEAGUE

DIVISION

RESULT:

HOME TEAM LINE UP:

VISITORS' LINE UP:

SHORT MATCH REPORT:

SIGNED:

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# UK soccer scores, tables

ENGLISH LEAGUE									
DIVISION ONE									
Arsenal	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blackburn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheff Wed	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheff Utd	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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DIVISION TWO									
Blackburn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheff Wed	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheff Utd	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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DIVISION THREE									
Blackburn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheff Wed	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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DIVISION FOUR									
Blackburn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheff Wed	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheff Utd	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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## INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE • From Page 11

**QUESTION**  
 What do the names:  
**Frank Micic, Jim Mackay, Andrew Kazi, Billy Rice, Jack Reilly, Billy Vojtek, Marko Fode, and Ferenc Puskas** mean to you?

Stay tuned for the answer, as these and many more immortals will display their skills on October 2nd.

**PRESENTATION NIGHT**  
 ANYONE still wishing to attend this gala event of the century should make his or her bookings immediately. We are nearly sold out, and bookings will be taken strictly on a first-come first-served basis.

Remember, the presentation night will be held at the Middle Park Stadium on Sunday, October 2 — the first game kicking off at 11 am.

Remember, the presentation night will be held at the North Melbourne Football Social Club on Friday, October 28 and the cost of tickets is \$22 per person.

**MANSLFIELD BUNNEY CUP FINALS**

The Finals of the Mansfield Bunney Invitation Cup and the Mansfield Bunney League Cup will be played at the Middle Park Stadium on Sunday, October 2 — the first game kicking off at 11 am.

Between the two Cup

matches, the clash between the opposing giants of the past promises a display of soccer as it used to be, featuring a feast of almost forgotten skills.

This will be our greatest Cup Final presentation ever. It is expected that every player of every club would feel obliged to be there. This is your league. If you don't support its single most prestigious event, why should anyone else?

**TOP FOUR COMPETITION**

REMEMBER that the top four teams from each division (excluding Reserves) will be involved in the Top Four Competition on October 9 and 16. If you are in the top four now, don't blow it! If you are in fifth position

now, why not kick one of the others out?

The Top Four competition promises to provide two days of non-stop excitement.

We will be amazed if anyone taking part does not have an absolutely marvellous time. In the meantime, don't leave town.



• Martin Woodall

## HOW YOUR TEAM FARED • From Page 10

Kinic (D. Vojic-73 min.), M. Volkan, J. Rajic, L. Eren (21 min.), G. Marion, J. Lim (81 min.), C. Sesta, H. Baxic.

South Dandenong continued its steady march towards title honors with this crushing defeat of Kensington United. As is often the case in these one-sided affairs, the home side probably missed as

many chances as those that found the net, although the "heavy" underfoot conditions undoubtedly neutralised the finishing touches.

South were clearly in control from the start and only Kensington's offside play put some sort of brake on the "goal-hungry", free-flowing Dandenong attack. Not playing to the whistle allowed Eren to equalise South's early goal and most of the home defence were nowhere in sight when Lim scored nine minutes from time.

But the game was won and lost long before this even though South's team discipline went a little astray at times.

**VICTORIAN Secondary Schools' Sports Association Soccer Finals**

THE 1988 All-high Soccer finals were conducted on Tuesday

August 30, and Thursday September 1. Twelve Victorian schools contested the semis on Tuesday 30th with the following results:

**JUNIORS:** Thomastown 4 Shepparton 3; Springvale 3, Footscray 2.

**INTERMEDIATES:** Kew 3, Northcote 2; Moorleigh 1, St Albans 0.

**SENIORS:** Prahran 4, Templestowe 3 (penalties); St Albans 5, Wellington 0.

The semis produced some excellent soccer with few incidents and a display of some first-class skills. The finals were held on the following Thursday with some very close contests and some truly fine soccer.

The sportsmanship and skills displayed would have been an example to some of the so called professionals who tend to lose track of such things. It was nice to see the

referees enjoying their jobs and not having to deal with aggressive coaches and players. The supplying of oranges to the referees by the St Albans seniors at half time was an example of the spirit of the finals.

However, someone had to win and these were the results:

**JUNIORS:** Thomastown 2, Springvale 1 in extra time.

**INTERMEDIATES:** Kew 4, Moorleigh 0.

**SENIORS:** Prahran 3, St Albans 1.

Special thanks to the referees, Fred de Boer, Peter McCreddie, Dale Ireland and John Plasantine without whom the competition would not have run so smoothly.

Finally, it is pleasing to see the depth of young talent that is coming through our schools and it would be nice to see coaches rely more on that talent and less on other sorts of behaviour.

## BRIAN JAMES • From Page 9

could still have Jim Tansey biting his fingernails at Olympic Village on Sunday... its that sort of a team.

**TWO MORE FALCONS GROUNDED**

Another coach who could be excused for thinking the soccer gods are against him is the wee man himself, Bobby McLachlan of Morwell Falcons.

Struggling with a squad sadly depleted by the departure of several players overseas for various reasons McLachlan needed last week's calamity like a hole in the

head, or to be more precise, two holes in the head.

Two of his defenders, Jeff Doyle and Emil Bruns went to head the same ball and their heads clashed, leaving them with nasty injuries.

Doyle had to be rushed to hospital and have stitches inside a gaping wound and Bruns, whilst not so badly hurt, also had stitches and was concussed.

Doyle seems certain to be out this week, whilst Bruns is doubtful.

But Bobby remains philosophically cheerful about the whole affair. "It's a bad blow he says, but we'll just have to keep going and make the best of things."

Falcons face St Albans at home on Saturday.

**THIS week's games, probable winners in capitals:**

**SATURDAY:** MORWELL FALCONS v St Albans at North Crinigan Reserve, Bulleen v Oakleigh (draw) at the Veneto Club, CAULFIELD CITY v Ringwood City at Princes Park.

**SUNDAY:** Croydon City v Springvale City (draw) at Town Park, Fawkner v Northcote City at Smith Reserve, GREEN GULLY v Box Hill at Gully Reserve, HEIDELBERG UNITED v Maribyrnong at Olympic Village, Western Suburbs v THOMASTOWN at Ralph Reserve.

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## STATE LEAGUE

**Saturday September 10th**  
 Morwell Falcons v St Albans.  
 Bulleen v Oakleigh.  
 Caulfield City v Ringwood City.

**Sunday September 11th**  
 Croydon City v Springvale City.  
 Fawkner v Northcote City.  
 Green Gully v Box Hill.  
 Heidelberg United v Maribyrnong.  
 Western Suburbs v Thomastown.

**VICTORIAN LEAGUE**

**Division One Saturday September 10th**  
 Essendon City v Frankston Pines.  
 Altona Gate v Mooroolbark.  
 Knox City v Werribee.  
 Dandenong v Mordialloc.  
 Westgate v Sunbury United.

**Division Two Saturday September 10th**  
 Broadmeadows City v Nunawading City.  
 Albion v Richmond.

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 Kellor v Yarraville.  
 Eltham v Doveton.  
 Doncaster Rovers v Port Melbourne.  
 Clifton Hill v Prahran/Brighton.  
 Altona City v Ringwood United.  
 Waverley City v Sandringham City.  
 North Geelong v Heidelberg City.

**Division Three Saturday September 10th**  
 Meadow Park v South Dandenong.  
 Kensington United v Parkmore.  
 Carrum United v Port United.

**Division Four Saturday September 10th**  
 Brintons v Ringwood Rovers.  
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**AMATEUR LEAGUE**

**division one Sunday September 11th**  
 Melbourne Uni. v Northern Suburbs.  
 Latrobe Uni v Phillip Institute.  
 Keilor United v Anstey United.  
 Hawthorn United v Balwyn City.  
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**INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE**

**Division One Firsts 10am Res. KO 12 noon**  
 Apollo United v Glenroy Doxa Utd.  
 Aust. Airlines v ANZ Bank.  
 Footscray United v Hampton Park Utd.  
 Highpoint v Altona Ilinden.  
 St Albans Dynamo v Middle Park.

**Division Two Morning Firsts 10am Reserves 12 noon**  
 Fibremakers v St Bernards OC.  
 Montrose v Kings Pk Heights.  
 Northcote Utd v W. Footscray Larian.  
 Swinburne v Springvale Eagles.  
 Youth United v Coomera Spiders.

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 CSUV v Windsor.  
 Dandenong United v Flamingo.

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